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this land for the, for the schools of Nebraska. And I don't have a problem if we want to take a look at the situation as it is now and determine if the amount of land and the geographic areas where that land happens to be aggregated or congregated to see if that needs to be changed in any way. What I have a problem with, I think, in this bill is the fact that we're determining the outcome of the plan before the plan has even been determined, before the plan has been drawn. And I guess my preference would be for us to say, yes, it's time we took a look at our investment policies, yes, it may be time to sell some of this land. But to say before we even study it that we're going to sell it all by such and such a date, to me is the wrong way to go. I would like to, I would like to have more facts and figures, I would like to know how much the land has appreciated over the years. I do know from talking with some other people that our investment decisions have not always produced as much income as the land itself. I know that land never, never goes out of style, that it will always appreciate in value over the years. I don't think we can always say that about the stock market or the other kinds of investments that the state may want to look at. The other part of this question seems to be whether the state agency that is responsible for these lands is managed in the best way possible, whether it has become too bureaucratic and too self serving. If that's a problem, I say let's look at it. But let's not determine ahead of time that we're going to sell our heritage. And I truly believe that that's what we're going to be doing if we determine that 100 percent of this land gets sold. Call me conservative if you will, but I would like to take a little bit more time with this policy. Senator Bohlke, thank you, I know at least you were listening, maybe nobody else. With that I would simply urge the adoption of the Withem amendment and I will continue to listen to the debate. I hope that we can change the focus of this bill somewhat before it gets over on Final Reading. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Beutler, on the Withem amendment.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Crosby, members of the Legislature, I don't plan to support the Withem amendment and I understand where Senator Withem is coming from. I don't think there is anybody in this Legislature that has cared more about children or done more for children, for that matter, than Senator Withem over the years. And I know he must look with a bit of